REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of an Office Action dated May 27, 2010. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

I.   Status of the claims

Previously pending were claims 1, 2, 4-24, 94-106, 108-113, and 115-121. No claims are newly cancelled. Allowed are claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-24, 108-113, 115, 116 and 119-121. Currently amended to more clearly state that which Applicant regards as the invention are claims 9, 94, 102, 117 and 118. New claims 123-125 recite subject matter removed from claims 9 and 94. The foregoing amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer, and do not introduce new matter. Entry and consideration of the amendments is requested. Upon entry of this response, claims 1, 2, 4-24, 94-106, 108-113, 115-121 and 123-125 will be pending.

II.   Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The rejection of claims 9, 94, 102, 117 and 118 as allegedly indefinite, and the corresponding objection to claims 95-101 and 103-106, are believed to be overcome by the foregoing claim amendments.

CONCLUSION

The present application is deemed in allowable condition, and an early indication to this effect is requested. Examiner Vogel also is invited to contact the undersigned directly, should she feel that any issue warrants further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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